(b) if so, the details of the major observations/recommendations contained in the Atlas and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon especially the time bound steps initiated, if any, to combat the high rates of malnutrition, particularly amongst the children, in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No Sir.

Construction of Food Storage Depots in Gujarat

943. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct food storage depots in Gujarat particularly, in Saurashtra-Kutch region and North Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Food corporation of India propose to construct godown of 25,000 MT capacity at Godhra during the 10th Five Year Plan.

Pilferage and Manipulations in PDS Network in Gujarat

944. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding the pilferage and manipulations in the Public Distribution System network in Gujarat during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to redress the complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c), No Sir. No specific complaint has been received by the Central Government regarding pilferage and manipulation in the PDS network in Gujarat during the last three years. However in an operation of